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Subject: Appointees to the Cultural Arts Advisory Committee

In 2024, the City of Plano will start working with a consultant on the City's first ever Cultural Arts Plan. While getting the community's input will be a major priority, it is important to have a consistent, diverse group that the consultant can rely on throughout the process. Thus the creation of the Cultural Arts Advisory Committee. This Committee will be active only during the time that we are creating the plan. After that, the goal will be achieved and the Committee will no longer exist.

In July 2023, the City released a video of the Mayor speaking about the plan and the need for the Committee. At that time the application to serve on the Committee was open. We reached out on every available channel to promote interest in serving on the Committee, including all those who applied for other Committees and Boards this year but were not select. All-in-all, thirty-eight applications were received.

Last week, City Staff and the Council Liaisons met to analyze the applications. It has been recommended that the Committee size be around 15 people. To reduce the 38 applications down, our Council Liaisons recommended the following minimum requirements:

- Must be a resident of Plano;
- Must not be serving on another Committee or Board, including nonprofit arts boards
 - Many applicants are affiliated with local arts nonprofit organizations that will get their own individual time with the consultant and we wanted to allow for more community voices on the advisory committee; and
- Represents a diverse sector of the community, meaning only one applicant of a particular point of view would be selected

After much discussion, the Council Liaisons selected the following 17 appointees:

- Abbie Alter: Plano Moms and Citizen Academy Graduate
- Pierce Cravens: Representing real estate development
- Sharon Cummings: Realtor and Event Planner
- Donna Fleming Harding: Represents Plano residents
- Fabian Gordon: Business owner and past President of the Cultural Arts Committee
- Timothy Hokett: Creative sector worker
- Anne Hollenbeck: Plano resident
- Misty Hoyt: Creative Sector Worker and past member of the Cultural Arts Committee
- Steve Lavine: Represents youth leadership with his work with the Boy Scouts

- Dr. Raj Menon: Represents higher education
- Jordan Miller: Plano resident
- Phillip Morgan: Represents Plano ISD
- Jodi Pena: Teaches at Collin College and volunteers with Second Chance SPCA
- Susanne Randolph: Plano resident, alumni of the Plano Citizens Academy and Plano Police Citizens Academy
- Jennifer Shertzer: Creative sector worker and volunteer
- Prafulla (Paffi) Shintri, Represents Cultural Group
- Kathryn Weber: Represents Creative sector worker as a landscape designer

Working with this team, our arts organizations, boards and committees, and the Plano community, we are confident that our Cultural Arts Plan will be representative of the voices of Plano and guide the arts in Plano well in to the future.